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Tata Motors

Decent acquisition but at a tough time

We believe that TML's acquisition is in the right direction in terms of levelling up on growth. However, while the timing has allowed them to acquire the company at reasonable valuations (2x EV/EBITDA vs global peers that are trading much higher), it is also at a time when all the three auto verticals of the business are under some sort of distress. Adding to this, the European CV market is going through a down cycle without any near-term visibility of return of business normalcy. While the company is familiar with the CV business, the European CV market may have its own vagaries, for which the company may have to go through a learning curve. We value the company on a SOTP basis for a target price of Rs 694; we maintain a REDUCE rating.

Key details of the acquisition:

- A cash consideration of €14.1 per tendered share for Iveco Group N.V. (Iveco), excluding the defense business. Equates to a total value of €3.8bn.
- While Iveco shareholders will get an estimated extraordinary dividend of €5.5 to €6.0 for the defense business, if we add to it the tender offer of €14.1, we get a total exit value of €19.6 to €20.1 to existing Iveco shareholders, which is still a premium to the current market price of ~ €19.
- Iveco's largest shareholder, Exor N.V., has irrevocably committed to support the offer and tender its shareholding, representing ~ 27.06% of Iveco's common shares and 43.11% of all voting rights.
- The transaction is expected to close by Apr'26, subject to regulatory clearances, while the defense business sales are expected latest by Mar'26 end.
- There is a robust set of non-financial covenants for two years.

Key highlights from the Tata Motors concall:

- Combined CV entity to be EPS-accretive in two years and the acquisitionrelated debt may be repaid in four years, for which it could consider monetizing non-core assets and raising equity.
- Management expects 30-40% of the acquisition funding to done via equity.
- It expects initial set of synergies from revenue, capex, operational expenses to free up at least 0.5% of consolidated CV entity revenue.
- It expects ROCE for the combined CV entity to be 20% over a period of time.
- TML to get access to futuristic technologies for powertrains, ADAS, SDV. Iveco to gain from TML's 'design to value' frugal engineering capability.

Financial summary

YE Mar (INR mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
JLR - Net Sales (£ mn)	28,995	28,961	28,059	31,289	35,456
JLR - EBIT (£ mn)	2,445	2,474	2073	2545	3,128
JLR - EBIT Margin %	8.4	8.5	7.4	8.1	8.8
Standalone - Sales	733,031	694,190	755,898	853,247	949,288
Standalone - EBITDA Margin	12.2	13.1	13.0	13.4	13.9
India PV - Sales	526,850	490,890	510,314	554,208	606,220
India PV - EBITDA Margin %	8.4	8.8	8.7	9.4	10.0

Source: Company, HSIE Research

Valuation - SOTP

In INR mn	JLR	India CV	India PV	Value of Tata Tech stake	Total
EBITDA	527,398	118,973	54,379		
Multiple (x)	1.25	10.5	9.0		
EV	659,248	1,249,217	489,407		
Total Value	663,608	1,258,692	489,407		
Total Value/Share (INR)	180	342	133	38	694

Source: (1) Have added standalone net debt to India CV business, and assumed zero net debt for India PV business (2) Breakup may not add up to total because of rounding of numbers during representation

REDUCE

CMP (as on 3	INR 667	
Target Price		INR 694
NIFTY		24,768
KEY CHANGES	OLD	NEW
Rating	REDUCE	REDUCE
Price Target	INR 694	INR 694
EPS %	FY27E	FY28E
EF3 %	0.0	0.0

KEY STOCK DATA

Bloomberg code	TTMT IN
No. of Shares (mn)	3,682
MCap (INR bn) / (\$ mn)	2,452/27,989
6m avg traded value (INI	R mn) 10,035
52 Week high / low	INR 1,176/536

STOCK PERFORMANCE (%)

	3M	6M	12M
Absolute (%)	3.4	(7.0)	(42.4)
Relative (%)	2.2	(11.8)	(41.6)

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN (%)

	Mar-25	Jun-25
Promoters	42.58	42.57
FIs & Local MFs	17.14	17.19
FPIs	17.84	17.18
Public & Others	22.44	23.06
Pledged Shares	0.00	0.00

Source : BSE

Pledged shares as % of total shares

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Other highlights from the Tata Motors concall:

- Iveco's CY24 non-defense revenue stood at €14.1bn, with EBIT margin of 6.3%.
- Iveco segmental revenue for CY24: Truck = €10.0bn, Bus = €2.6bn, Powertrain = €3.5bn.
- Iveco powertrain EBIT margin for CY24: Truck = 5.6%, Bus = 5.5%, Powertrain = 6.2%.
- The three mentioned business segments had CY24 FCF of €0.24bn and net cash of €1.6bn
- Key market segmentation for Iveco is: Europe: 75%, South America: 12%, Rest of the world: 12%.
- Market share for Iveco truck is 11% in EU and LatAm. It is also the No.2 bus manufacturer in Europe, and fifth-largest engine manufacturer globally.
- TML has €3.8bn funding secured through bridge financing facility committed by Morgan Stanley and MUFG.
- Recently, Iveco has entered manufacturing of EV powertrain components like eaxle, BMS, and battery packs which are currently with imported NMC cells.
- It highlighted that the combined entity would leapfrog to the No.4 position globally in terms of CV market share, from No.6 position of TML currently.
- Strategy for the powertrain business is to be the last man standing in ICE and further unlock manufacturing, engineering, and procurement efficiency.
- The management highlighted the point that India and EU emission norms and standards are coming together, making it a good time for acquisition.
- Management compared the acquisition to the JLR acquisition and said that that the Iveco acquisition is a lower risk and more steady business, while JLR had cash flow challenges when it was acquired.
- It acknowledged that while TML has an RoCE of 40%, it expects this to dilute in the combined entity, though it expects to bring it close to 20% over time.



Financials

Consolidated P&L

Year End (March) - INR mn	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Revenues	43,40,160	43,96,950	45,01,796	50,72,681	57,80,324
Growth (%)	25.5	1.3	2.4	12.7	14.0
Material Expenses	27,27,557	27,17,860	28,15,098	31,08,900	34,85,056
Employee Expense	4,19,900	4,77,670	5,04,201	5,47,850	6,06,934
Other Expenses	6,13,984	6,50,100	6,57,572	7,69,693	8,97,476
EBITDA	5,78,719	5,51,320	5,24,925	6,46,239	7,90,857
EBITDA Growth (%)	81.9	(4.7)	(4.8)	23.1	22.4
EBITDA Margin (%)	13.33	12.54	11.66	12.74	13.68
Depreciation	2,72,390	2,32,560	2,46,514	2,83,491	3,26,014
EBIT	1,96,742	2,11,600	1,58,392	2,18,725	2,92,015
Other Income (Including EO Items)	46,900	66,950	67,077	67,748	68,425
Interest	75,940	50,830	46,195	35,889	30,526
PBT	1,67,702	2,27,720	1,79,274	2,50,584	3,29,915
Total Tax	(40,240)	1,05,020	1,04,753	1,38,113	1,75,960
Minority Interest	2,921	(320)	(352)	(387)	(426)
RPAT	2,10,864	1,22,380	74,170	1,12,084	1,53,529
Adjusted PAT	2,19,751	2,25,870	1,94,189	2,56,108	3,26,357
APAT Growth (%)	2,952.6	2.8	(14.0)	31.9	27.4
EPS	57.3	61.4	52.8	69.6	88.7
EPS Growth (%)	2,950.7	7.0	(14.0)	31.9	27.4

Source: Company, HSIE Research

Consolidated Balance Sheet

Year End (March) - INR mn	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
SOURCES OF FUNDS					
Share Capital - Equity	7,665	7,360	7,360	7,360	7,360
Other Equity	8,41,515	11,54,080	13,18,829	15,38,136	18,18,493
Total Shareholders' Funds	8,49,180	11,61,440	13,26,189	15,45,496	18,25,853
Long Term Debt	6,21,485	4,02,170	2,61,411	1,69,917	1,10,446
Short Term Debt	3,63,516	2,22,820	2,00,538	2,12,570	2,25,324
Total Debt	9,85,001	6,24,990	4,61,949	3,82,487	3,35,770
Net Deferred Taxes	11,434	16,690	16,690	16,690	16,690
Other Non-Current Liabilities	81,759	66,100	66,100	66,100	66,100
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS	19,27,374	18,69,220	18,70,927	20,10,773	22,44,413
APPLICATION OF FUNDS					
Net Block	12,04,252	11,48,020	13,21,248	14,78,092	15,93,021
Goodwill	8,603	8,950	8,950	8,950	8,950
CWIP	3,56,984	6,58,060	6,77,802	6,98,136	7,19,080
Non-current Investments	87,178	84,570	93,027	1,02,330	1,12,563
Total Non-current Assets	16,57,017	18,99,600	21,01,027	22,87,507	24,33,614
Inventories	4,77,883	4,72,690	4,68,680	5,42,012	6,17,624
Debtors	1,69,518	1,32,480	1,72,672	1,94,569	2,21,711
Cash & Equivalents	4,58,067	4,08,340	5,23,558	5,63,879	7,45,644
Other Current Assets	8,01,622	6,01,320	6,61,781	7,28,238	8,01,291
Total Current Assets	19,07,090	16,14,830	18,26,691	20,28,698	23,86,270
Creditors	8,80,430	9,40,780	9,86,695	11,39,616	12,98,593
Other Current Liabilities & Provns	8,98,836	9,76,420	10,70,096	11,65,816	12,76,877
Total Current Liabilities	17,79,266	19,17,200	20,56,790	23,05,432	25,75,470
Net Current Assets	1,27,824	(3,02,370)	(2,30,100)	(2,76,734)	(1,89,201)
TOTAL APPLICATION OF FUNDS	17,84,841	15,97,230	18,70,927	20,10,773	22,44,413
Source: Company, HSIE Research					

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Year End (March) - INR mn	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Reported PBT	3,06,329	3,18,760	2,78,412	3,62,748	4,64,843
Non-operating & EO Items	56,440	63,280	67,077	67,748	68,425
Interest Expenses	75,940	50,830	46,195	35,889	30,526
Depreciation	2,72,390	2,32,560	2,46,514	2,83,491	3,26,014
Working Capital Change	(1,13,110)	2,51,010	3,14,938	86,955	94,232
Tax Paid	37,604	(99,764)	(1,04,753)	(1,38,113)	(1,75,960)
Others	(558)	(11,989)	-	-	-
OPERATING CASH FLOW (a)	6,35,035	8,04,687	8,48,382	6,98,718	8,08,080
Capex	(4,88,274)	(5,84,911)	(5,59,503)	(6,04,691)	(6,34,716)
Free Cash Flow (FCF)	1,46,762	2,19,776	2,88,879	94,027	1,73,364
Investments	1,76,613	2,608	(8,457)	(9,303)	(10,233)
INVESTING CASH FLOW (b)	(3,11,660)	(5,82,303)	(5,67,960)	(6,13,994)	(6,44,949)
Debt Issuance/(Repaid)	(2,71,604)	(3,60,011)	(1,63,042)	(79,461)	(46,717)
Interest Expenses	(75,940)	(50,830)	(46,195)	(35,889)	(30,526)
FCFE	(48,902)	(89,405)	1,72,032	50,454	1,57,174
Change in net worth	1,01,428	1,04,480	(352)	(387)	(426)
Dividend	(22,995)	(22,080)	(29,440)	(36,800)	(46,000)
FINANCING CASH FLOW (c)	(2,69,111)	(3,28,441)	(2,39,028)	(1,52,537)	(1,23,669)
NET CASH FLOW (a+b+c)	54,264	(1,06,057)	41,394	(67,813)	39,463
Opening cash	3,70,156	4,58,067	4,08,340	5,23,558	5,63,879
Closing Cash & Equivalents	4,24,420	3,52,010	4,49,734	4,55,745	6,03,342
Source: Company, HSIE Research					

Ratios

Year End (March)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
PROFITABILITY (%)					
GPM	37.2	38.2	37.5	38.7	39.7
EBITDA Margin (%)	13.3	12.5	11.7	12.7	13.7
EBIT Margin	4.5	4.8	3.5	4.3	5.1
PBT Margin	3.9	5.2	4.0	4.9	5.7
APAT Margin	5.1	5.1	4.3	5.0	5.6
RoE	33.7	22.5	15.6	17.8	19.4
RoIC (or Core RoCE)	17.7	9.1	5.2	7.0	9.3
RoCE	11.0	12.5	9.1	11.3	13.7
EFFICIENCY					
Tax Rate (%)	(24.0)	46.1	58.4	55.1	53.3
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.3
Inventory (days)	40	39	38	39	39
Debtors (days)	14	11	14	14	14
Other Current Assets (days)	67	50	54	52	51
Payables (days)	74	78	80	82	82
Other Current Liab & Provns (days)	76	81	87	84	81
Cash Conversion Cycle (days)	(28)	(59)	(61)	(60)	(59)
Net D/E (x)	0.6	0.2	(0.0)	(0.1)	(0.2)
Interest Coverage (x)	2.6	4.2	3.4	6.1	9.6
PER SHARE DATA (Rs)					
EPS	57.3	61.4	52.8	69.6	88.7
CEPS	128.4	124.6	119.8	146.6	177.3
Dividend	6.0	6.0	8.0	10.0	12.5
Book Value	221.6	315.6	360.4	420.0	496.2
VALUATION					
P/E(x)	11.7	10.9	12.7	9.7	7.6
P/BV(x)	3.0	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	5.4	4.9	4.6	3.5	2.6
EV/Revenues (x)	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4
OCF/EV (%)	20.5	29.9	35.2	30.5	39.2
FCF/EV (%)	4.7	8.2	12.0	4.1	8.4
FCFE/Mkt Cap (%)	(1.9)	(3.6)	7.0	2.0	6.4
Dividend Yield (%)	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.5	1.9
Source: Company HSIF Research					

Source: Company, HSIE Research

Price history



Rating Criteria

BUY: >+15% return potential
ADD: +5% to +15% return potential
REDUCE: -10% to +5% return potential
SELL: > 10% Downside return potential

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